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## NEW REZONING PLANNED

Several re-zoning articles are to be submitted to the annual Town Meeting in March. The Planning Board, in a special meeting Tuesday night decided on a program which will ask for rezoning in some places, but not on others recommended by their consultants.

To be recommended for rezoning is an extensive area in North Wilmington, near the new Route 125, and another smaller area near Wilmington Square. Not to be recommended at the present time are two areas near Concord Street and adjacent to Route 93. Chairman William Beers recommended waiting until a 'suitable' industry appears before making such a recommendation, and the other members of the Planning Board agreed with Beers.

### Route 125 Zone

The recommendations of the planning consultants were to differentiate between 'heavy' and 'light' industry. In the North Wilmington area adjacent to Route 125 a 'light' industrial area was recommended.

Town Engineer Alphonse Savignac was instructed to prepare sketches of the area, for the next meeting of the Planning Board, for their further study.

As Mr. Savignac was instructed to prepare the sketch, the area to be rezoned would lie on both sides of 125 roughly from the present Route 93 eastward to the Wilmington Water Department lands adjacent to the Andover-North Reading Town line. The Water Department lands occupy the land along the North Reading line and part of the Andover line

and westward for about half a mile.

North of Route 125 the new zone would lie on both sides of Andover Street, for an approximate distance of 2000 feet.

South of Route 125 the new industrial zone would abut Andover Street to a line which would run along the powerline which crosses the street near the Ruggerio home, this zone being on the east side of Andover Street.

West of Andover Street, and South of Route 125 the land to be included would lie about 800 feet from Andover Street and down to the old abandoned Salem & Lowell Railroad bed in places, and in some instances south of the railroad bed.

### Wilmington Square

The rezoning for the Wilmington Square area, as planned, would be only a rectification of zoning to better fit the area.

The Planning Board considers the abandoned Middlesex Canal line, between Burlington Ave. and Shawheen Ave. as a better line of demarcation than the present one, which is described as 350 feet from the railroad. Only a small area would be changed in zone, if this is voted by the town. The new boundary would end, on Burlington Avenue, about opposite Floradale Avenue, instead of at the old Billerica Car Track, a few feet to the northward. The Billerica Car Track used to join Burlington Avenue at about the point where the Wilmington Lawnmower shop is today.

tal loss, Mrs. Clark is happy. The nonchalance of Tommy Brennan, and the efficiency of both the Police and Fire Departments left her mighty proud of the town she lives in

### FATHER GOSSELIN TO BE HONORED BY ST DOROTHY'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Father Robert Gosselin, Curate of St. Dorothy's Church is to be honored, next Sunday, by the members of the St. Dorothy's Holy Name Society.

President Monty Coolidge of the Society has called on all the members to attend a 9 am Mass and Corporate Communion, in honor of the Rev. Gosselin, who is leaving shortly for Peru.

Father Gosselin is scheduled to leave for Lima Peru, where he will take up duties under Cardinal Cushing's St. James the Apostolate Missionary Program.

These will be refreshments after the Mass, in the church basement.

Joseph M. Hooban, of the Regional Director's Office of the US Department of Internal Revenue will speak on the topic 'Our Internal Revenue Service in Action'.

## TAXES TO GO UP SAYS BEERS

### 'UNLESS PEOPLE GET EXCITED'

The last official act of William Beers, as Chairman of the Wilmington Planning Board, was to issue a warning, Tuesday night, that the Tax Rate in Wilmington would go up '6 or 8 dollars' - 'unless the people get excited and attend Town Meetings'.

Beers was talking about the successful efforts of some groups to block re-zoning of land in Wilmington. He pointed out that a combination of various parties had prevented two re-zonings, and considered the situation to be serious.

'People haven't been shook up enough', said Beers.

### VERY QUIET HOLIDAY

The Wilmington Police Department found the New Years Holiday to be very quiet. There were no arrests, and no accidents of any serious nature.

## BEERS & GILLIS RESIGN

In unrelated actions, two of Wilmington's more outspoken citizens resigned, Tuesday night, from the Wilmington Planning Board.

A. Daniel Gillis, former Chairman of the Planning Board and William A. Beers, chairman during the past year, had their resignations read in the Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Gillis was not present at the meeting, but Mr. Beers emphasized that there was no connection between the two resignations, other than that they both occurred on the same evening.

Gillis has been a member of the Planning Board for the past five years. In his letter he indicated that the pressure of other activities was forcing his resignation.

Beers, who has been a member for three years, has had many more duties in his occupation, with the Telephone Company. He read his own resignation, which became effective yesterday.

Both Gillis and Beers, in the past year, have been outspoken critics of the Board of Selectmen and others in the Town Hall, and on several occasions have led 'blasts' against 'the lack of law enforcement'.

## IT WAS ORCHIDS FOR THE LADIES



### BANK OFFICIALS AND LADIES

The assistant treasurer and treasurer of the new Wilmington Bank, with their wives, at an open house, held last Thursday.

L to r, Asst. Treasurer Edward J. Sweeney, Mrs. Sweeney, Treasurer James M. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell.

It was orchids for the ladies who visited the New Wilmington Bank and Trust, on its first day of business, Tuesday morning.

Over 200 people were in the new building, Tuesday, to view the place, wish well to the firm, and transact business.

The lobby, flower strewn, is of a most modern decor, and is decorated with modern art, as is the Director's Room, also open to the public.

Many comments were received by the bank, on its tasteful decorations, and general appearance.

## Nancy Weinberg comes from behind to win Championship

Nancy Weinberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Weinberg of Burlington Avenue made a spectacular finish, to win the Middle Atlantic Speed Skating Championship, Midget Girls, in Newburgh, New York, Monday afternoon.

The Wilmington miss captured three gold medals, in addition to the championship.

In the 440 yard race Nancy found herself 'pocketed', and finally getting clear, sped past eight skaters to win. One of those she passed had been half a lap ahead when Nancy finally got into the open.

Second place went to Sharon Webber, of Scranton Penna., a girl who put up a stiff competition.

Her thrilling finish made her the darling of the Meet.

Patty Fiske, daughter of Mr. and Miss Lawrence Fiske of Church Street missed winning the Junior Girls championship by a hair. She won a First, a Second, and a Third, and was but one point behind the winner, Bobby Sulc, of Flushing Meadows, New York.

Jeff Williamson, of Lowell Street was neck to neck, with Jackie Walters, for the final trophy, but Jackie, Belmont speedster well known to Wilmington fans won the Junior Boys Championship.

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## "I think you have a fire"

Officer Tommy Brennan of the Wilmington Police Department knocked on the door of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark, 99 Church Street, at 6:18 pm Tuesday.

'Pardon me, madam' he said as he raised his hat, 'I think you have a fire.'

Mrs. Clark, who had been ironing, told Brennan he was just seeing the steam from the iron.

'Oh No', said Brennan, 'This is in back of the house!'

Mrs. Clark looked out the back window, and saw that the Clark stable was on fire. As she did this Brennan's partner, George Fuller, was already calling the Fire Department.

The Fire Department was there before Mrs. Clark could count to 10.

As the firemen deployed, to put out the fire, Brennan offered his last thought.

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Although the stable was a to-

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An assistant registrar will call at your residence to get the following information:

1. Name in full, other initials and surname
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3. Occupation
4. Residence January 1, 1960. If Wilmington give address, if out of town, give city or town.
5. Nationality, if not a Citizen of the United States. Give name of country.

The assistant registrar will also list the names of all other members of the family, including children, for the annual census. He will also list dogs.

Students in college and people in the Armed Services, and people living in other states who maintain their residence in Wilmington should be listed. Unless you are listed you cannot be registered as a voter. If you are already registered your name may be dropped unless you are listed.

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## TAXES AND INDUSTRY - 1960 & 1961

One problem, above all others, that occupies the thoughts of some of the people of this town is that of getting good firms to locate here, in order that the town may benefit from the taxes paid.

The problem is not new. In the past ten years the solution has had a spurt due to our adoption of the Town Manager plan. There really was no other path, for increasing population drives up school and other costs and a streamlined efficiency was needed.

Under the Town Manager plan Wilmington did much, such as the rezoning, to make the town more attractive to industry, and was paid handsomely for its efforts. Avco, last year, paid enough money to reduce the tax rate by \$16, which, everyone will agree, is most fortunate.

1960 saw only two industries locate here, both, it would seem because of our rail connections.

The immediate problem is What is going to happen in 1961?

During the past year we have seen a statement by the Chairman of Selectmen to the effect that "industry is interested". At the same time the gentleman said "we cannot talk about it" as information leaking out sometimes drives away a firm that might otherwise be interested.

The same gentleman informed his listeners that "newspapers just want to tell the story".

The inference about "newspapers" of course refers to the Town Crier. The Town Crier is the only newspaper that has kept on top of the stories, not only in 1960, but in years previous.

There were a number of people who went into the Town Hall, during 1960, to talk business



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## UN-HARDY ANNUALS

Every January

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and industry. Some of these represented the businesses directly. Some were residents of the town who knew of industrial plants which were looking for a suitable location.

These people may have had diverse viewpoints but they were actuated by the thought that Wilmington should be getting more tax-paying business. Their efforts were laudatory.

The results were discouraging. One man was told "we'll send a brochure after we have prepared it", or words to that effect. Another said, after he left the Town Hall, that "he wondered why he bothered to go in".

Getting business to locate in a particular town is admittedly a touchy thing, but from the viewpoint of more than one person visiting the Town Hall last year the only dust being raised was by the janitor.

Several large corporations were actively interested in locating here. None of them did.

The Town Crier was specifically accused of "revealing" the plans, in one instance. The Town Crier did print a story about it, but only after it was known all over town through a leak that was traced to the Town Hall. This paper, which can keep secrets forever, saw no reason to allow its competition to get the story first. We are in the business of selling news, but, as we say, will keep a secret forever if the other half of the secret is also kept.

In the past few months the Town Hall has been sitting on a couple of secrets. It seems that the secrets are not as tightly held as they should be. People who should not know are privy to them.

This is bad. Two of our Town Meetings in 1960 were dominated by a group that had made up its mind that they were going to approve or disapprove of any business that proposed to move into town. This group moved into the vacuum created by the Town Hall.

At least one person in this group seems to know the "tightly held secrets". We don't know where the leak was, this time. We just hope no harm comes of it, to our fellow taxpayers.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

During the past few months a fledgling organization of a Chamber of Commerce has been started. Still shaky, as the New Year rolls around, it is an organization that can do good for the merchants, business men and professional men of Wilmington, and for the town as a whole.

A questionnaire is shortly to be sent out to all parties believed to be interested in this organization, asking for opinions as to the type of program that the Chamber of Commerce should promulgate.

It will be, we understand, an interesting challenge - one which will determine whether or not the members and prospective members are determined to work for the bettering of the town in which they live and work.

Needless to say, everyone, whether in or out of the organization, can hope that there will be a good and favorable response, and that a suitable program can be evolved.

## TOWN NOTES

### Mail Box

When the US Postmen begin their new mail routes, next Saturday, there will be one Mail box the likes of which has never been seen before in Wilmington to greet the eyes of one Carrier.

Robert Letizi, of 21 Roberts Road, has a mail box that is super-streamlined. It looks like a 1962 Cadillac.

### Missing Bulbs

Every year Herb Barrows gives to the Town of Wilmington one of his fine firs, for a Christmas Tree, and it is erected on the Common by the Tree Department.

And every year some light fingered soul steals the bulbs that are put onto the tree for purposes of decoration.

This year they even climbed to the top of the tree, taking a total of 80 bulbs.

One of our readers thinks that Bill Babine, the Tree Warden should put the Christmas Tree on top of the Common Flag Pole.

And then grease the pole, as he climbs down.

### 36 Foot Highway

Engineers from the State Department of Public Works are surveying for the new location of Middlesex Avenue, in North Wilmington.

The new road will go closer to the North Wilmington Post-office than does the present road, and will have a new bridge over Lubbers Brook.

The paving will be 36 feet wide.

### 7000 Foot Barrier

Another project in line for the North Wilmington area is a barrier, or fence, which the State Department of Public Works proposes to erect, along the new Route 125, so as to block the view from automobilists.

The view that will thus be blocked off will be some of the remains of Wilmington's Gravel War, of unpleasant memory.

One guess that we heard is that the US Bureau of Highways must have kicked about the view, and bestirred the State DPW to action.

### New Clerk

The Board of Appeals has a new clerk, or secretary, to take notes on the hearings.

She is Miss Ann Sullivan, of Grove Avenue, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sullivan, and she is an expert stenotypist.

She replaces Miss Alice White who (we guess) has gone back to her studies.

### PINERIDGE CLEANERS VARIANCE GRANTED

The Pineridge Cleaners, of North Wilmington, was granted a variance by the Board of Appeals, Tuesday night, in order that they may erect a sign on their new quarters larger than that allowed by the Zoning By-Law.

When the case was heard, with Mrs. Arthur Pizzutti appearing for the appellant, it turned out that the sign was only two tenths of a square foot larger than the legal limit for the building.

The proposed sign is forty feet square. The law, as interpreted for the particular building, would allow one of 39.8 square feet.

### CAFETERIA MENUS

#### Week of January 9

MONDAY: American style pizza with meat sauce, potato chips, buttered whole kernel corn, chocolate pudding with whipped cream, milk.

TUESDAY: Baked sausage with applesauce, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, corn bread and butter, fruit cup, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Roast turkey and gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, ice cream, milk.

THURSDAY: Grilled frankfurter on buttered roll, french fried potatoes, buttered peas, cucumber chips, jello with whipped cream, milk.

FRIDAY: Italian spaghetti, green salad, italian bread and butter, doughnuts, milk.



## Weston's Greenhouses

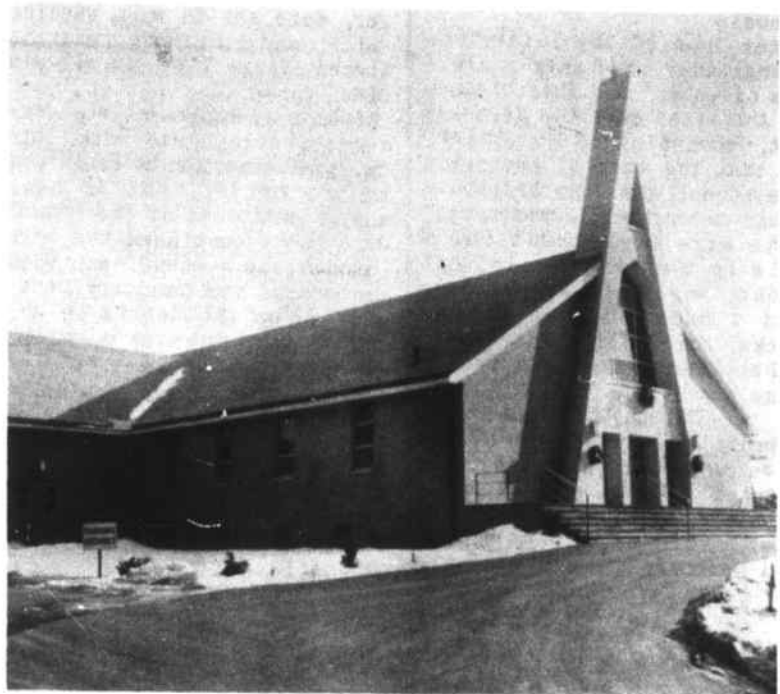
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## METHODISTS PLAN FOUR SUNDAY EVENINGS TO STUDY WORLD PEACE

Sunday evening, January 8 at 8 p.m. Norton Halperin of the Harvard Center for International Affairs, will speak in the Wilmington Methodist Church. This program will be the first in a series of four Sunday evening meetings dealing with major issues of world peace. The program is being sponsored by the Peace Committee of the Commission on Social Concerns of the Church. The movie 'Power Among Men', the first full length movie produced by the United Nations will be shown on Sunday evening, January 15, at 8 p.m. Here is a presentation of men learning to create rather than destroy - the restoring of an Italian village, the mission of a Belgian U.N. expert in Haiti teaching villagers how to form a co-operative, the building of Kitimat in Canada and the International Establishment for nuclear research near Oslo. The color movie is filmed on location. Paul G. Hoffman says of 'Power Among Men' 'A psychological film for it deals with the human personality...a religious film, because it is about the human soul...a political film, because it concerns forces which often are decisive in the making of political decisions.'

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested persons in Wilmington and the surrounding communities to attend the Sunday evenings for World Peace. A free-will offering will be received during the evening and a coffee hour will follow each program.

## 'THE CHURCHES MUST UNITE' SERMON AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday January 8 has been established by the Mass. Council of Churches as a day when Christians across the state turn their attention toward

the urgency for more intensive cooperation and creative unification. The Rev. Richard E. Harding pastor of the Wilmington Methodist Church, will preach Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on the theme: 'The Churches Must Unite!' Mr. Harding has served on the Youth Committee of the Mass. Council of Churches, served as President of the Westboro Council of Churches for two years before coming to Wilmington, and for six years as president of the Wilmington Council of Churches. Mr. Harding states: 'A divided Christendom cannot serve adequately or witness effectively to the present age. The spirit of Jesus Christ which unites us is so great in its magnitude that our petty differences add up to almost nothing.'

In connection with the emphasis on Church Unity, Sunday, Jan. 8, the Mass. Council is presenting a television program at 1 p.m. 'Protestant Panorama.' All persons interested in taking more significant steps in the area of Church Unity will want to see this program.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Jan 1-8 Universal Week of Prayer. Mr. Sanders will continue the series of evening devotions on 'Prayer,' from 7-8pm. Thurs. Jan 5--Church Prayer, Fri. Jan 6--Silent Prayer.

Thurs Jan 5 at 8 pm. Study on the Church's Ministry, in the parish house. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Fri. Jan 6--Boy Scouts, 7 pm Sat. Jan 7--Youth Choir, 10am Sunday, Jan 8. Two services, 9:30 and 11:00. Mr. Sanders will preach on 'United Church of Christ.'

Sunday, 5 pm--Second in series of Living Christ films. Jr. PF will attend the film. Sr. PF will also attend film.

and continue meeting at 6 pm with a skating party at Mrs. Arthur Ward's, 76 Burlington Ave.

Mon. Jan 9-2:30 Campfire G. Wed. Jan 11, 10 am--PCC Wed. Jan 11, 3:30--Girls Sc.

Wed. 8 pm, choir rehearsal for anyone interested in singing in the choir. Thu. Jan 12, 12 noon, North Branch LBS.

The East Branch is to meet next Monday, at the church.

## CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Reading, Mass. Rev. Herbert A. Jernard, Rector

Week of Jan. 8, 1961 Sunday: 8 am Holy Communion 9 am Morning Prayer & Sermon, Church School, Nursery-Grade 6 10:30 am Morning Prayer & Sermon, Church School, Nursery-Grade 6 4 pm Junior YPF 6 pm Senior YPF Monday: 10 am Church School 2 pm Church School 3 pm Church School

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FIRST SATURDAY: Masses at 7, 7:30 and 8 a.m.

9 a.m. - Catechism classes will be resumed.

11 a.m. - The start of all-day adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAY: Communion day for the men of the parish, especially the Holy Name Society.

PAULISTS: A new series of instruction classes for people who are not Catholics will begin January 9 at the Paulist Information Center, 5 Park St.

COMING: January 9 - 8:15 p.m. The Catholic Daughters will show a 30-minute movie on 'The World's Greatest Mother,' the story of important events in the life of the Blessed Virgin PRAYERS: Henry Hiller, William Cavanaugh, Joseph A. Brazas, Gerald Maloney, Timothy Dennehy, Mary Castine, Theodore Thomas, Our Sick and Deceased Parishioners.



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## BUZZELL SCHOOL OPENED ON SCHEDULE

### COOPERATION OF MANY TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Superintendent of Schools Harold Shea has paid credit to employees of the Town of Wilmington, for the work done in the Buzzell School, over the New Year's Holiday, which work prepared the school for its regular opening Tuesday morning.

From the Town Manager down, they have been very co-operative' Mr. Shea said Tuesday.

Anton Thiel, Superintendent of Maintenance for the School Department joined Shea, with special praise for the Fire Department, Highway Department and Cemetery Department.

The Fire Department, Mr. Thiel said, did a wonderful job on Dec. 28th., in putting out the fire, in the Buzzell

School.

They damaged absolutely nothing, they used only a minimum of water, and they cleaned up the water once the fire was out, according to Mr. Thiel, so that the work of restoring the school was 'the best possible under the circumstances'.

The Fire Department cut a hole in the roof, to let out smoke, and broke two windows and 1 door, to get at the lock's, Mr. Thiel pointed out. Other than that the only damage was by the fire itself.

### 28 Men Working

Twenty eight employees of the town were at work Thursday morning (a week ago) cleaning up after the fire.

Employees of the Highway, and Cemetery departments, under orders from the Town Mana-

ger, were set to work washing walls, and otherwise removing traces of the fire, in all six class rooms.

Because of inclement weather, necessitating road work, the two town departments could not report Friday, but 10 men, mostly employees of the School Department continued the work through the weekend, and then members of the Cemetery Dept. cleaned up the debris in the school yard Tuesday morning, Mr. Thiel reported.

The Teacher's Room remains to be rebuilt, after the fire of last week, but the rest of the school is now usable, and was approved, Tuesday morning, by Joseph Callahan, Lowell, of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY BANK AWARDS THOSE WHO HELPED BRING BANDITS TO JUSTICE

Cash rewards totaling \$5000 were distributed today by Middlesex County National Bank to persons who helped in bringing to justice the armed bandits who staged a daring early-morning hold-up of its Lechmere Office, East Cambridge, October 23, 1958.

Twelve police officers of the Cambridge and Boston forces received their shares from Oliver T. Bergstrom, President of the Bank, in special ceremonies at the Lechmere Office. In addition, Mrs. Florence Furtado a pedestrian who had helped retrieve cash dropped by the bandits in Cambridge Street as they fled from the bank, was singled out for part of the reward money.

Balance of the \$5000 fund, which had been offered by the Bank the day of the robbery in order to emphasize its concern over suburban area hold-ups, was given to the Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association and the Boston Police Relief Association as a means of rewarding all the personnel of the two forces who helped indirectly in closing the case.

Largest individual shares were distributed to Patrolman Alexander T. Marchurs, the off duty MDC officer who spotted the getaway car and noted its registration number; and to Detective Sgt. John J. Norton, the Cambridge officer immediately in charge of the hold-up investigation. Recognition was also given to Boston officers who obtained the confessions of the bank robbers.

The 1958 robbery, one of the biggest in New England annals, occurred when two bandits held a Bank custodian at gunpoint in order to force their way in to the office before it opened for business. Early-arriving employees were bound and gagged and two were brutally pistol-whipped as the thieves scooped up over \$100,000 in cash and checks.

Within four days one of the hoodlums was caught, and within two weeks indictments were returned against the two principals and their alleged accessories. Final disposition of the case occurred early this year when 10-12 and 20-25 year

sentences were meted out to the convicted felons. Special commendation was extended to Assistant U. S. Attorney William Koen and Assistant Middlesex District Attorney Richard Kelley for 'the persistence and vigor with which they prosecuted the case.'

Present at the reward-conferring ceremonies with Mr. Bergstrom and the recipients today were Charles W. Bartlett, whose law firm determined the reward shares; E. W. Fudge and Raymond Spinney, Lechmere branch officials; Joseph C. Hogan, attorney; and Malcolm E. Austin and Daniel H. Gray of Middlesex County National Bank.



### RUSSIA'S SCHOOLS ARE SUPERIOR

This was the message of Dr. Mahlon A. Miller, president of the Union College of Barbourville, Kentucky, when he spoke in the Methodist Church last Thursday. He had just completed a tour of various European countries, surveying education.

Two Wilmington students, and members of the Alumni Association, New England Branch, of the college are with Dr. Miller in the picture. L to r, Bob Hastings, King Street, student; Dr. Miller, James Miller, assistant Minister of the Methodist Church, Alumni; Mrs. Richard Harding, Alumni; Paul Bodenstein, Woburn Street, Alumni, and James Manuel, Shawsheen Ave., student.



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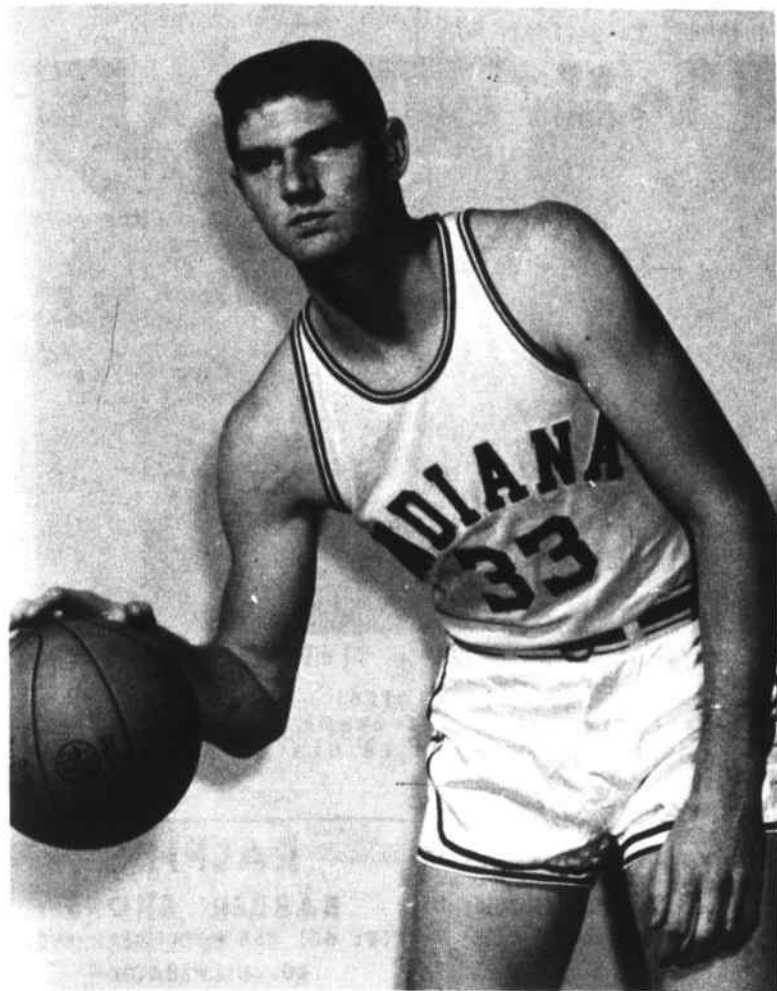
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Winston Fairfield, son of Mr and Mrs Winston Fairfield, No. Wilmington, who is being groomed as a replacement for Walt Bellamy the current 'big man' in Indiana University Basketball. Win is 6-10½, slightly taller than Bellamy, and at 230 pounds has a 10 pound advantage over the senior All-American center.

He was All Conference, All Star and All State second team selection while playing for Wilmington High School, from which he graduated in 1959. He is majoring in physical education at Indiana University, where he is a sophomore, and intends to coach on the high school level after graduation.

### FORMER WILMINGTON LITTLE LEAGUER WINS PITCHING AWARD IN LONG BEACH CALIF

John Cavanaugh, formerly of Dewey Avenue, Wilmington, the son of Mr and Mrs Warren Cavanaugh, was awarded an Outstanding Pitcher trophy recently, in the Police Athletic League of Long Beach, California.

John was a member of the Wilmington Little League Tigers in 1958, a year in which the team won the pennant for its sponsors, the Unit Packet Co. John played third base, not only in the winning team but in the All Star Team.

In the Long Beach Police Athletic League he is pitching for the Chicken of the Sea team, and ended the season with 37 wins and 17 losses.

## Three tight victories in one Week



### IN SECOND PLACE

The Boys Basketball Team, of Wilmington High School, now in second place to Chelmsford, in the Lowell Suburban League.

L to r, front, Larry MacQuilken, Keith Arnold, Jimmy Melzar, David Fuller, Jimmy Rexford and Tobey Hale.

Rear, Robert Lane, Billy Williamson, Jon Fairfield, Bill Tupper, Eddie Casey, Don Bailey and Joe Beaton.

Wilmington High School's basketball quintet racked up three victories during the past week, all close ones, and all of which had Coach Fred Bellissimo 'sweating them out' before the game was over.

**WILMINGTON 64  
HAVERHILL TRADE 59**

The game against Haverhill Trade, last Thursday, was the easiest, with Wilmington winning by five points.

Big Jon Fairfield led the Wilmington hoopsters in scoring, with 21 points, followed by Joe Beaton, 17; Don Bailey, 12; Dave Fuller 10; Eddy Casey and Jimmy Melzar each 2.

### ALUMNI GAME

The annual game with the Alumni, Friday night, was a different matter, with the game being decided only in the last seconds of the game, when Jimmy Melzar won two free throws.

Facing the Varsity Squad were such players as Al MacDonald, Phil Tupper and Bob Hastings,

each of whom has made their mark on the Wilmington court, not to mention Paul Bova, Butch McPeeters, Joe Casey, George Munroe and others.

The game was tied at the end of the first quarter, and the Varsity Squad led at the half, only to have the tables reversed at the end of the third quarter, with the Alumni ahead 38 to 32.

As the final seconds of the game crept nearer the score was 42 to 42, but then Melzar got his two free throws, and scored the winning points just as time was called.

For the Varsity, Don Bailey led with 12 points, and Dave Fuller came in second place in scoring with 9 points. Little Jimmy Melzar came in with 8, Casey with 7, and Tobey Hale, Jimmy Rexford and Joe Beaton with two each. Jon Fairfield, who played only one quarter, got one point for dear old WHS.

In the Alumni Squad Bob Hastings got 9 points, Phil Tupper 8, Al MacDonald 7, Paul Bova 6, Butch McPeeters 5, Al

Penney 4, George Munroe 2, and Joe Casey and Phil Kavanaugh 1 each. Joe Bevilacqua took the consolation, with no points.

**BURLINGTON A CLOSE ONE**  
The game with Burlington, Tuesday afternoon, was a close one, which brought the moisture oozing from the pores of Fred Bellissimo. Again Wilmington won in the final seconds, and by one point.

Wilmington led all the way, and going into the last quarter had a lead of 13 points, the score being 51 to 38.

Burlington, playing on its own home court, came up with a total of 19 points during that last quarter, mainly through the efforts of Paul Moody and Bob Given, each of whom scored a total of 21 points during the game.

But Wilmington got that last basket, just as the game ended and Fred Bellissimo was again able to take a deep breath.

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# Eighth Annual Christmas Party For St Joseph Orphans

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They were sparked by Mike Rosa, of Kendall Street, but they did the work all by themselves, raising money, providing companionship and a good time for the orphans of St. Joseph, in Lowell.

The party this year was held in the High School cafeteria, with about 100 Franco-American children present, Saturday afternoon, to greet Santa Spanos Claus, open their gifts and watch a variety show.

Over \$400 was raised by the West Side Teen-Agers, and in addition Wilmington Ford assisted by paying for the toys, so that a substantial cash present was made to the Sisters who conduct the orphanage.



**SANTA AND FRIENDS**

Santa had to greet two long lines of old time friends, one line being boys and the other girls. Here he is assisted by Mike De Lucia (wearing glasses) of Cochrane Road.



**LOOK SISTER!**

Young ladies show off their presents to the Nuns. Facing the camera is Sister St. Luke de Marie.



**DID YOU SEE THAT SANTA?**

One of the young ladies was more worried about Santa than the show, while Bobby Scanlon, (foreground) finds that something in back is more interesting.



**TINKER TOYS**

Kevin King, 6 years old, climbed up on a table to get a better place to play with a set of Tinker Toys.



**SHOWING GIFTS**

Lorraine and Theresa Langlois, sisters, show each other their gifts. Facing the camera is 6 year old Bobby Scanlon.



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Sister St. Leopold playing checkers with one of the young ladies.

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### AVCO NAMES WILSON CHAIRMAN OF BOARD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. KERR BECOMES PRESIDENT, BLAIK CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The election of Kendrick R. Wilson, Jr., as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Avco Corporation was announced today. He succeeds the late Victor Emanuel, who headed Avco for 22 years until his death on November 26. The Board also announced the election of James R. Kerr as President of Avco and of Colonel Earl H. Blaik as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Wilson joined Avco as a Vice President in 1950 and was named President in 1957. Earlier he had been associated with Lehman Brothers and U. S. Trust Company, and during World War II was a Naval Lieutenant Commander. Since 1955 he also has been a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Avco. Mr. Kerr joined Avco in 1954 and became a corporate Vice President in 1955. In 1957 he was named President of the Lycoming Division and a year later of the Research and Advanced Development Division in Wilmington. In 1959 he was elected a member of the Board of Directors and last August was named Avco Executive Vice President, in charge of the Defense and Industrial Products Group. He is a former U. S. Air Force Colonel. Colonel Blaik joined Avco as a Vice President last year after his resignation as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach of the United States Military Academy. Later in 1959 he was elected a Director of Avco and a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. He also is President of the Blaik Oil Company of Oklahoma City in which he is associated with his son.

### APPEAL BOARD ISSUES DECISION ON GOLF COURSE

After some weeks of discussion, part of which was with Town Counsel Philip Buzzell, the Wilmington Board of Appeals has signed its decision on the proposed Golf Course, in South Wilmington.

The decision was signed Tuesday night. Basically it is the same as the oral decision of several months ago, but with refinements.

#### No Bond

No bond has been required by the Appeal Board, in its decision. This was one of the points which had been under discussion.

But a final plan must be submitted to the Appeals Board by the developers, one of whom is Elwin Mowey of Glen Road.

To be shown on the final plan which must be approved are plans for offstreet parking, and for any structure to be built. The Board stipulates that all Wilmington Zoning and Building By Laws must be observed, and in addition that the board itself must approve of the details, such as size, location, lighting, screening, etc.

The perimeter of the course is to be shown, and the applicants must show either direct ownership, fee title, or permission, to use the land.

No gravel, sand or loam is to be removed. All stumps, boulders or other debris is to be buried, so that the property will be 'in harmony with the surrounding area.'

The Golf Course, to be called the Garden of Eden, will cover an area of 176 acres, on both sides of Chestnut Street.

### 'SPITE' FENCE THREATENED AT APPEALS HEARING

One of the applicants appearing before the Board of Appeals, Tuesday night, threatened to 'build a fence' if his appeal was not granted.

The Board was hearing an appeal for a variance for a building, on a lot of land on the corner of Route 125 and Andover Street, owned by Robert Belbin.

Belbin's father and brother appeared for him, at the hearing.

A previous appeal for a variance had been granted, but it turned out on application for a building permit that the map submitted previously had been an old one.

The appeal was planned so an already erected cellar could be used. The cellar is about 27 feet from Andover Street, 13 feet closer to the street than the law allows.

Damages had already been paid by the state, it was developed in the hearing, because the lot had been cut down in size by the relocation of Andover Street and the construction of Route 125. The sum of \$4700 was mentioned, but not confirmed.

The Appeal Board recessed the hearing until January 24th at 9 pm in order to allow a personal inspection of the site.

### NANCY WEINBERG (cont. fr Fr Pg)

The men's championship was won by Ray Blum, of Newburgh, Ray, 41 years old, won the Atlantic Seaboard Championship on Silver Lake, last February.

Dick Ring, Wilmington skating coach, took 3rd place in the men's division.

Janet Tighe, former North American Women's Champion, came in for a 2nd place and a third place.

The Senior Women's championship was won by Kathy Harrington, of Syracuse, New York.

The Intermediate Boys championship was won by Bobby Finn, of Grossingers, New York. Mike Weinberg of Wilmington made all the finals.

Others to appear on the ice, from Wilmington, included Janet Perry, who won a Third Place medal in the Girls Midget Class, Alice Perry, Juvenile Girls, and Scotty Waugh, Pee Wee Boys.

There were 350 contestants in the meet, which saw Arnie Erlass, of New York City win the Three Mile Special, in the Senior Men's Division.

### TOWN OF WILMINGTON



### BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall at 8 pm Jan. 24, 1961, on the appeal of the Woodbine Realty Corporation, 9 David Road, Jamaica Plain, for a variance to authorize the issuance of a building permit at 332 Lowell Street, on land of Minot J. Anderson, said permit having been refused by the Building Inspector of Wilmington.

Louis E. Gage, Chmn. D29, J4 Board of Appeals



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Betty-Ann Wolf and David Hirschy

Two Massachusetts teens won \$400 college scholarships at the 39th National 4-H Club Congress held recently in Chicago.

Betty-Ann Wolfe, 17, of Southwick, who hopes to become a fashion designer, was one of 12 national winners in the clothing program, sponsored by Coats & Clark Inc. She also received a free trip to the club congress from the firm.

David Hirschy, 17, of Taunton, was a national winner in the garden program, sponsored by Allis-Chalmers.

Among the many garments Miss Wolfe has turned out are bridesmaids' dresses, bowling shirts, suits, coats and formal gowns. She has earned extra

money by doing dressmaking and alterations for fellow-students and neighbors. Betty-Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Henry Wolfe.

Hirschy, who has a 34,000 square-foot garden, approaches farming scientifically. An experiment he made on the effects of an acid on garden peas won a first prize in state competition. He has given many talks on the control of Mexican bean beetles and pre-packaging of vegetables.

The two winners were among 1,350 4-H'ers who attended the congress, arranged and presented by the Cooperative Extension Service, the National 4-H Service Committee, and some 50 business firms and individuals that sponsor 4-H awards.



# RAY FITZMAURICE IS NEW PLANNING CHAIRMAN Nickerson is Secretary

Raymond F. Fitzmaurice of 20 Boutwell Street was elected Chairman of the Wilmington Planning Board, in the annual meeting held Tuesday night.

Herbert Nickerson of Marie Drive, North Wilmington, was elected Secretary, during the same meeting.

Both will hold their office during the next year. Neither of the two men were present at the meeting at the time of their election.

Mr. Fitzmaurice, a Navy veteran, with 3½ years service, is a Structural Engineer, and a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in 1950, with a degree in Civil Engineering. He and his wife Barbara have been residents of Wilmington for 6 years, and have three children

Mr. Nickerson has lived in Wilmington for two years, and have two children.

He is professor of Sanitary Engineering at Tufts University, and is also District Engineer, for the North Eastern Health District, Massachusetts State Department of Health.

## BIRTHS

THIEL, Lawrence Anton, first son, third child, to Mr. and Mrs. Anton V. Thiel Jr. Lake Street, Tewksbury, in Winchester Hospital, Dec. 29th.

Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Anton Thiel of Atlantic Ave. and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Berrett of Warren Road.

THIEL, Jay Thomas, first child, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thiel, Hampton, Virginia, on

December 31st.  
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anton V. Thiel of Atlantic Ave and Mr and Mrs Edward Wel-ling, of Fay Street.



CLARA B. GRACZYK

Clara B. Graczyk, wife of Frank Graczyk, 40 Grove Ave., and a well-known local business woman for many years, passed away Dec. 25th after a lingering illness.

Mrs Graczyk is survived by her husband Frank, two sisters Mrs Phebe Wallace of Lansing, Michigan, Mrs Helen Kinney of Cleveland, Ohio; one brother, Orin White, Lansing, Michigan; three sons, Francis C. Weston, Hugh, Cleveland, Ohio, Elmer V. Wilmington; two daughters, Mrs Clara Peck, Woodbridge N.J., Mrs Delaphine Twombly, Billerica, seventeen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mrs Graczyk had been a resident of Wilmington since 1928 and was prominent among local realtors. She was active in Circle 3 of the Methodist Church and a former member of the Rebekahs.

Rev. Richard Harding officiated at the Dec. 28th funeral services from the Methodist Church. Pall bearers were three grandsons; Donald Peck, Woodbridge, N.J., James Twombly, Cambridge, Thomas Twombly, Billerica and a son-in-law Tyrus Peck, Woodbridge, N.J.

Interment was in the family lot, Wildwood cemetery with the Nichols Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MISS M. LENA DOUCETTE SATURDAY MORNING

A Requiem High Mass will be sung in St. Thomas Church, at 10 am Saturday, for Miss M. Lena Doucette, of Ballardvale Street. The funeral services will start from her late home at 9 am.

Visiting hours will be this afternoon, from 2 to 4, tonight from 7 to 10, and on Friday, the same hours.

Miss Doucette, a member of one of the more prominent French families of Wilmington, devoted her life to the service of mankind. She taught school in the Whitefield School, until her retirement 6 years ago, after having spent the first two years of her teaching career in Woodsville, New Hampshire.

Her father, the late Jeremiah Doucette, was the first of the Nova Scotia French to move to Wilmington, and he was instrumental in the education of Catholic children in Wilmington. Her mother, the late Ann (Maise) Doucette, lived to pass the 100 year mark, and had a special Mass celebrated in her home on her 100th birthday.

Miss Doucette was very active in the old Catholic Club of Wilmington, and was a member of the Ladies Sodality of St. Thomas Church.

She died at her home on Jan. 3rd, aged 76.

Surviving her are two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Emily Surrrette and Miss Alice Doucette of North Wilmington, and John Ellis Doucette, of Nabasset, Mass.

One of her brothers was the late Louis T. Doucette, for many years an Assessor of Wilmington, and other is her family, now deceased, included her brother Bernard, of Melrose, Joseph of Wollastoh, and William and Rose, of North Wilmington.

A nephew is the Rev. Bernard Doucette, SJ, of the Manila Observatory, in the Philippines.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the McMahon Funeral Home.

## NANFELDT - STEVENS

Mr and Mrs Henry F Klinkhamer announce the marriage of their daughter Marian Klinkhamer Nanfeldt to Mr Rufus Stevens, III, Monday the second of January 1961 at the Park Methodist Church, New Haven, Conn.

## IT'S LADIES, TONIGHT

It's Ladies' Night, tonight, for the Wilmington Recreation Commission activities, in the Wilmington High School.

The same program that has been offered to men is now being offered to the ladies, including High School seniors who are working.

Supervised Recreation and Athletics, including Golf Instruction, is being offered, free of charge, in the High School gymnasium.

The hours are from 7 pm to 10

## THE BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile will call at Silver Lake Monday, January 9, at 3 p.m.



## ENGAGED

Mr and Mrs Judson Arbo of Westdale Avenue have announced the engagement of their daughter Joyce to Mr. Ralph Corbitt son of Mr and Mrs Edward Corbitt of Warwick, Rhode Island. Miss Arbo is a graduate of Wilmington High School, Class of 1959, and is now employed at the Transiron Company, in Wakefield.

Mr. Corbitt is a graduate of Gordon College, Class of 1959, and is now attending the Gordon Divinity School.

The wedding is planned for June 10, 1961.

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